of Madhya Pradesh (inclusive of chhattisgarh) till 31.01.2001. As such, out of a total of 159868 rural habitations in the State (inclusive of Chhattisgarh), 153893 have been fully covered and 4564 have been partially covered with drinking water supply facilities. In urban areas 13 town water supply schemes were implemented during the Ninth Plan period.

Families covered under I.R.D.P.

†1286. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the families covered under I.R.D.P together with the criteria followed by Government therefore;

(b) whether the daily wage employees and contractual employees working in Government offices are covered under this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) is no more in operation since 1-4-1999. However, all families Below Poverty Line (BPL) in rural areas including daily wage employees and contractual employees, if they are included in the BPL list, are eligible for assistance under the new self emloyment programme of the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY). Monitoring is not done separately for daily wage employees and contractual employees.

Newsitem "Karyakram panchayat star par loot ka Zariya bane"

†1287. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the newsitem under the caption "Karyakram panchayat star par loot ka zarya bane" published in the "Dainik Jagran" dated 28th December, 2000;

(b) whether Government have entrusted the responsibility to any third source to monitor, get the development work completed and thereafter evaluate the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi